

SOCIAL WORK ADVANCED STANDING, MSW

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

In the state of Wisconsin people with a Master of Social Work (MSW) are able to pursue certification and/or licensure. While certification/licensure is not a requirement for certain types of jobs, it is required for any positions titled 'Social Worker' and to refer to yourself as a Social Worker in professional settings. Information on applying for social work certification and licensure is provided in great detail on the School of Social Work's Professional Social Work Credentials & Continuing Education (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/credentials/>) page. Contact the social work academic advisors in the Full- or Part-Time Programs (see contact information on the program website (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/advising/>)) for a complete list of requirements necessary for these credentials.

CLINICAL PRACTICE LICENSURE

Students seeking preparation for licensure as a clinical social worker in the State of Wisconsin or State of Minnesota typically complete the mental health focus area.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE

Students seeking preparation for licensure as a school social worker in the State of Wisconsin typically complete the child, youth, and family welfare focus area.

ASWB EXAM RESULTS

Association of Social Work Boards (<https://www.aswb.org/>) Masters exam results (includes both Part-Time MSW Program and Full-Time MSW Program graduates).

Year of Exam	UW-Madison National Graduates: All Attempts	National Graduates: All Attempts
2023	87	No Data
2022	88	No Data
2021	89	68
2020	91	63
2019	89	61

Year of Exam	UW-Madison National Graduates: First Attempt	National Graduates: First Attempt
2023	91	73
2022	91	72
2021	90	70

2020	96	75
2019	93	74

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE DISCLOSURE (NC-SARA)

The United States Department of Education (via 34 CFR Part 668 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-VI/part-668/toc=1>)) requires institutions that provide distance education to disclose information for programs leading to professional certification or licensure. The expectation is that institutions will determine whether each applicable academic program meets state professional licensure requirements and provide a general disclosure of such on an official university website.

Professional licensure requirements vary from state-to-state and can change year-to-year; they are established in a variety of state statutes, regulations, rules, and policies; and they center on a range of educational requirements, including degree type, specialized accreditation, total credits, specific courses, and examinations.

UW-Madison has taken reasonable efforts to determine whether this program satisfies the educational requirements for certification/licensure in states where prospective and enrolled students are located and is disclosing that information as follows.

Disclaimer: This information is based on the most recent annual review of state agency certification/licensure data and is subject to change. All students are strongly encouraged to consult with the individual/office listed in the Contact Information box on this page and with the applicable state agency for specific information.

The requirements of this program meet certification/licensure requirements in the following states:

Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin

The requirements of this program do not meet certification/licensure requirements in the following states:

Not applicable

Updated: 1 June 2025